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5630 Fishers lane, Room 1061
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RE: Docket NO. 98N-1265

To whom it may concern,

As a prescribing physician I am most distressed with the proposal on the memorandum of understanding proposed in the FDA modernization act of 1997. Section 503A governs the practice of pharmacy compounding. May I remind you that it is ill advised to try to limit the scope of practice of the pharmacy act as well as the prescribing physicians across the country. If I choose to have a special medication compounded and that it is available to my patients I would not like you to intervene in my practice of medicine as allowed by state licensure. You are truly treading on a slippery slope by trying to enact legislation like this.

Let this letter serve as a strong protest against your intentions.

Sincerely,



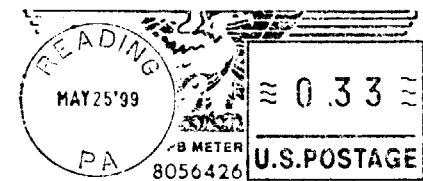
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